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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Subject resides at 67 Pleasant Street and is still employed as Managing Editor of the ~~PEOPLE'S~~ WORLD newspaper, S.F., Calif. He continues to be active in various C.P. activities.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent LEO A. SCHON dated November 6, 1943, at San Francisco, California

**DETAILS:**

The subject's name is carried on the Key Figure list of the Communist Party in the San Francisco Field Division.

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA:

Through inquiry at the United States Post Office, it was ascertained that subject is still receiving his mail at 67 Pleasant Street, San Francisco, California. Subject is still employed as Managing Editor of the ~~PEOPLE'S~~ WORLD, Communist Party West Coast Daily newspaper.

SOURCE A advised this office in December, 1943, that while subject was on his last visit to New York, he was entertained by PAUL ROBESON negro singer.

SOURCE B advised that subject had participated as a speaker in the campaign of OLETA O'CONNOR YATES, for Supervisor in the Fall of 1943. This Source also stated that in December, 1943, PITTMAN had been selected to introduce Mrs. YATES, County Secretary of the Communist Party, to speak over a San Francisco Radio Station on the Anniversary of the Bill of Rights.

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION:SOURCE A: ~~Confidential Informant SF #9~~ ✓

SOURCE B: ~~Confidential Informant SF #1175~~, who furnished what appears to be a typewritten rough draft of a letter addressed to subject at the PEOPLE'S WORLD, bearing typewritten signature "LEO."

A letter which instructs that all Congressman who are working with the Congressional Committee to protect consumers should be dramatically exposed; also that subject should assign some one on the staff of the PEOPLE'S WORLD to be responsible for getting information on the Farm Consumers question.

SOURCE B furnished this office with the January 1, 1944 membership report of the North Beach Club, which included subject's name as a member of that club. On May 11, 1944, this Source furnished a typewritten list of names under the heading Fraternal Delegates, which included subject's name and which is believed to be a list of Fraternal Delegates who were invited to attend the Communist Party State Convention May 7, 1944, in San Francisco.

SOURCE B furnished one of the enlarged invitations to the reception in honor of JAMES FORD, reflecting that subject and his wife served as Patron and Patroness. SOURCE B furnished a discarded Air Mail envelope, post marked March 9, 1944, addressed to WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, 121 Haight Street, San Francisco, California, from JOHN PITTMAN, Daily PEOPLE'S WORLD, 206 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, California. SOURCE B also furnished a list of County Committee members for San Francisco County, which reflected that subject was a member of that Committee although it is not certain on what date the list was prepared.

SOURCE C: ~~Confidential Informant SF #613~~, who advised in November, 1943, that subject was a member of the San Francisco County Committee of the Communist Party. ✓

SOURCE D: ~~Confidential Informant SF #939~~ ✓

SOURCE E: ~~Confidential Informant SF #1050~~ ✓

SOURCE F: ~~Confidential Informant SF #1301~~ ✓

SOURCE G: ~~Confidential Informant SF #1159~~ ✓

SOURCE H: ~~Confidential Informant SF #980~~ ✓

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SOURCE I: ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Informant SF #1130

SOURCE J: Reporting Agent, who attended the JAMES FORD meeting  
April 27, 1944.

SOURCE K: ~~CONF. INFT.~~ SF #1332

The above sources have been designated as such in order to  
more fully protect their identities.